

21 after the running of the program portion has begun and under control of the program portion at the client, converting the cryptographically protected data to an unprotected form and selectively controlling access to copy or save functions at the client in respect of the data in its unprotected [at] form.

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28. (Amended) A server for providing access to data sets in a protected form, the server comprising:

an input for receiving a request for access to a data set;  
protecting means for cryptographically protecting the requested data set; and  
generating means for generating a program portion for sending to the source of the access request,

22 wherein said program portion is operable and after the program portion is permitted to run at the source of the access request, in use:

to generate a request for access to the cryptographically protected data set;

on receipt of the cryptographically protected data set, to convert it into an unprotected form; and

to selectively control access to copy or save functions in respect of the data set when in said unprotected form.

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30. (Amended) A method of protecting data downloaded from a server computer to a client computer, said method comprising:

23 downloading a protected copy of requested data from a server to a client; and

running a program at the client so that after running the program at the client has begun at the client, the program serves to both: (a) unprotect the downloaded data thereby to provide access to an unprotected copy of the requested data, and (b) suppress client computer copy and save functions with respect to the unprotected copy of the requested data.

Please add the following new claims.

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--31. (New) A method of protecting data sent from a server to a client, said method comprising:

running a program portion at the client, the program portion generating and uploading to the server a request for access to data;  
cryptographically protecting the data;  
sending the cryptographically protected data to the client; and  
after access to the program portion is permitted; and  
under control of the program portion, converting the cryptographically protected data to an unprotected form and restricting or preventing access to copy or save functions at the client in respect of the data in its unprotected form.

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32. (New) A server for providing access to data sets in a protected form, the server comprising:

an input for receiving a request for access to a data set;  
protecting means for cryptographically protecting the requested data set; and